

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1793

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For: ELECTROLYTIC COPPER FOIL WITH LOW ROUGHNESS SURFACE AND
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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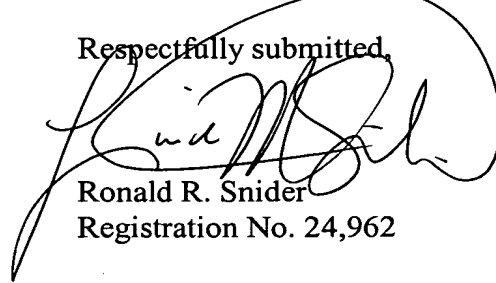
Sir:

In reply to the March 3, 2008 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect
Group I, claim 1, with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1 and 3-12 is
sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims
would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is
respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made
without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and
examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must
examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions"
(emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present
application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative
examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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